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INFO AMEMBASSY BANJUL UNN

AMEMBASSY ROME

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AFDROUGHT

EO 11652: A

SUBJ: TRANS-SHIPMENT 1,1000 MT GRAIN TO BANJUL

REF: A. STATE 116301 B. DAKAR 2903

ROME FOR FODAG

AID/W FOR PEGGY SHERMAN, FFP/POD

1. DESPITE TEXT OF REF (A), WHICH WAS TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE WFP/ROME ASSUME FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRANS-SHIPMENT CARGO TO BANJUL BEFORE AGREEING TO COSTS BEING MET BY US, WFP/SENEGAL RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM THEIR ROME OFFICE A DAY AFTER REF (A) INSTRUCTIONS WERE RECEIVED HERE. THIS MESSAGE READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE GAMBIA 2140Q AMERICAN ORIOLE 1100 MTN SORGHUM, NEWYORK AGENTS INFORM US GOVERNMENT ARRANGING PROMPTEST TRANSFER DAKAR BANJUL AT ITS EXPENSE STOP KINDLY KEEP ROME AND BANJUL INFORMED POSITION AND FORWARD COPY B/LADINGS/TRUCKWEIGHT BILLS IN SUPPORT QUANTITY DELIVERED, UNQUOTE.

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2. RDO ASSUMES THAT THERE IS NO POINT IN MAKING ANY FURTHER

EFFORT TO GET WFP ROME ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH COSTS, AND HAS THEREFORE GIVEN GREEN LIGHT TO SOCOPAO TO PROCEED WITH LOADING OF SS MERCHE, WHICH IS BEING CONTRACTED WITH TO DELIVER GRAIN TO BANJUL IN THREE TRANCHES.

3. FYI, VESSEL IS A SMALL COASTAL STEAMER FLYING THE FLAG OF SPAIN. IT HAS NEVER SAILED TO CUBA, HAVING SUFFICIENT RANGE ONLY FOR MONROVIA, AND HAS NOT TRADED, REFUELLED, OR OTHERWISE STOPPED AT ANY COMMUNIST PORTS, DURING ITS LIFETIME.

4. CONTRACT PRICE OF TRANS-SHIPMENT IS 7,400 CFA/MT.

5. ASSUME THIS ACTION HAS FFP/USDA CONCURRENCE. ANY FURTHER DELAY IN TRANS-SHIPMENT COMMODITY WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN AVOIDABLE ADMINISTRATIVE CALAMITY TO THE WFP/GAMBIA FFW PROGRAM IN TERMS OF (A) ITS INTERNAL TRANSPORT IN GAMBIA, AND (B) PRE-POSITIONING. ACTION WAS TAKEN TO OBVIATE SUCH AN EVENT AND TO PREVENT SPOILAGE COMMODITY. DECON DEC 31, 1974.
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